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HS Collapse Rescue Team Training Exercising and Equipment 2015

Grant Announcement

**Applications must be submitted through
Egrants on or before January 15, 2016**



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The Egrants system user guide has step-by-step instructions for accessing and using the Egrants online system. The guide is posted on the grants page of the WEM website:

<https://egrants.emergencymanagement.wi.gov/egmis/EgrantsExternalUserGuide9-12-2014WEM.pdf>

Online Help is available throughout the Egrants application process. Once you have started an application, look for the HELP button in the top right corner of the screen. Page-specific instructions can be found there.

Grant Announcement Summary

Grant Title: HS Collapse Rescue Team Training Exercising and Equipment 2015

Description: This grant will provide funding for training, exercise and equipment procurement for the statewide team charged with Urban Search & Rescue for the State of Wisconsin. All activities and expenses will be made in accordance with the operations manual entitled Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Response Program.

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Opportunity Category: Limited Eligibility

Important Dates:

Application Due Date:	January 15, 2016
Project Start Date:	February 1, 2016
Project End Date:	January 31, 2017

Anticipated Funding Amount: As approved by the HSGP Funding Advisory Committee the dollar amount available under this grant is \$761,250.

Funding shall be allocated as follows:

Equipment	\$120,600
Training and Exercising	\$640,650

Match/Cost Sharing Requirement: None

Eligibility: The only eligible applicant is WEM’s Bureau of Response and Recovery.

DUNS Number: The federal government now requires a DUNS number as part of the grant application to keep track of how federal grant money is awarded and dispersed. If your organization needs to obtain a DUNS number, go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. You can also search this site if you cannot find your agency’s number. Under normal circumstances, a new account can be created in 24-72 hours. The federal government has published DUNS Frequently Asked Questions at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayFAQPage.do>. Check with your agency’s financial office before registering for a DUNS number - it is likely your agency already has one.

WEM cannot award grant funds until an active DUNS number is provided.

Eligible Expenses: Funding may be used for personnel, benefits, travel/training, supplies, consultants/contractual, indirect and operating expenses identified as pertinent to the training and exercising for this team.

All expenses must be new and cannot replace existing state or local government funding. Substitution of existing funds with federal grants (supplanting) will be the subject of monitoring and audit. Violations may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, repayment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

HS Collapse Rescue Team Training Exercising and Equipment 2015

Program Description

Through this grant WEM is supporting the recommendation made in the Technical Rescue Working Group Report published December 11, 2008 that endorses the one team concept for Urban Search & Rescue incidents. This grant is for reimbursement of expenditures that are related to the training, exercising and equipment procurement necessary for this team as is consistent with the report. This in turn supports the WEM US&R Operations Plan for this initiative. Training under this grant by WEM-REACT has the intended purpose of supporting the one team concept as a deployable statewide resource.

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Submit Applications Using Egrants

Applications must be submitted through the Egrants online grants management system. If you have never used Egrants before, you will need to register for access to the system. To register online, go to <http://register.wisconsin.gov/accountmanagement/> and complete the ‘self registration’ process

Authorization to access Egrants can take several days depending on registration activity. The WEM help desk is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-4pm if you need assistance. (Please note: If you register outside of these hours, access may not be approved until the next business day.) Once your Egrants access has been approved, you may begin your online grant application.

An Egrants System User Guide is posted on the WEM website:

<http://emergencymanagement.wi.egranets.us/filecabinet/egranets-system-user-guide.pdf>

Application Components

Through Egrants, you will provide WEM with detailed information about your project that will be used to make a funding decision. Questions on what is expected in each section can be directed to Michael Jordan at (608) 242-3335 or at Michael.Jordan@wi.gov.

1. Main Summary

This page asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. There are many required fields on this page so if you encounter problems, please check online help by clicking the floating HELP button. Please note: When identifying individuals involved in this grant, you may not list the same person as project director and financial officer. The financial officer is the individual responsible for financial activities in your organization while the project director will be overseeing project operations.

In the Brief Project Description text box, please describe your project in 150 words or less. A suggested format is included for your convenience:

“Funds will be used by the (your agency name and others involved in the project) to (describe what funds will be used for and who will be involved). The (what - equipment, training, project, pilot, etc.) will (describe the specific goals you hope to achieve – how will the project or equipment improve safety in Wisconsin?) [If appropriate, add which area(s) of the state will benefit]”

Responses to this section will be used on the WEM website, cited in WEM reports and could be mentioned in press releases. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective.

2. Approval Checklist

Answer Yes, No, or N/A (not applicable) to each question.

3. Performance Measures

Please identify the type and number of trainings and exercises that will be conducted during the performance period of this grant.

4. Budget Detail

Complete a project budget using the following categories. For each category used, enter a justification that describes how the items in that category will be used during the course of the grant period. It is important that you include specific details for each budget line item, including cost calculations.

Personnel: Provide salary information for non-contractual employees that will be funded through this grant, including overtime. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Only personnel costs of the agency applying for the grant funds should be included under “personnel.”

Employee Benefits: Employee benefits for grant-funded personnel include FICA, Unemployment Compensation, Health Insurance, etc. and amounts budgeted should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Employee benefits are for the personnel listed in the budget and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. Employee benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Workers’ Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation.

Travel/Training: Any travel and/or training costs associated with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at current state rates that are subject to change. Current rates for in-state travel at the time of this announcement include:

- Mileage: \$0.51/mile
- Lodging: Maximum \$82/night (\$90/night for Milwaukee, Waukesha or Racine County)
- Meals: \$8/breakfast (leaving before 6 a.m.); \$10/lunch (leaving before 10:30 a.m. and returning after 2:30 p.m.); \$20/dinner (returning after 7 p.m.); \$7/breaks

(Please note: Costs will only be reimbursed after submission of an event agenda and attendance list. Travel and training for contracted employees does not go in this section. These expenses should be itemized under “Contractual.”)

Equipment: Homeland Security equipment grants require that all equipment (regardless the cost) be entered in this category so that applicants can select from authorized equipment lists. Equipment is defined as items used for prevention, emergency response, and recovery operations.

Supplies and Operating Expenses: Includes consumables such as paper, stationery, postage, and software. Also includes operating expenses such as rent and utilities. Show computations for all items. For example, Rent: \$150/mo x 12 months = \$1,800.

Consultants/Contractual: Provide costs associated with individuals or entities providing services through a contractual arrangement. With the exception of a few justified sole source situations, contracts should be awarded via competitive processes. Attach detailed information to support the total cost of each contract. For each consultant enter the name, if known; service to be provided; hourly or daily fee (8 hour day); and estimated time on the project. Consultant fees in excess of \$450 per 8 hour day require additional justification (contact WEM). List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees (e.g., travel, lodging, meals, etc.). Show the basis of computation for each service requested. Within 30 days of grant award date, a signed contract must be received by WEM. No fund reimbursements will be made prior to receipt of the contract.

Indirect: Includes the indirect costs of an organization that are not readily assignable to a particular project, but are necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. The cost of operating and maintaining facilities, depreciation, and administrative salaries are examples of the types of costs that are usually treated as indirect.

Other: Items that don't fit into specific categories. Examples: Confidential Funds, Overhead (if allowed)

5. Project Narrative

Describe your program or project in detail, including what objectives will be accomplished. Note any specific goals for this year.

6. Required Attachments

To attach a document to your Egrants application you must type "See Attached" in the text box to enable the document attachment tool.

Please attach the following documents to your application in this section:

1. Position Descriptions for each funded or partially funded position.
2. An updated team roster.
3. Current training and exercising plan.

Application Review and Award Criteria

All applications must be submitted on or before the deadline and will be screened for completeness and compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement. WEM staff will review applications to ensure consistency with statewide strategies and make funding recommendations to the Adjutant General. All final grant award decisions will be made by the Adjutant General.

Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements

If you are awarded funds under this announcement, you will be required to provide regular progress reports. The schedule for your reports will be included in your grant award materials. At that time, please review all of your grant award special conditions and Egrants reporting requirements. In addition to any special conditions described in your award documents and reporting requirements contained in Egrants, you will need to provide the following:

1. Emergency response capabilities developed using these grant funds must be made available as a statewide resource. MABAS, SMART and mutual aid agreements will be used if applicable. Joint training and inter-agency collaboration for purposes of the sharing of equipment, facilities and expertise is strongly encouraged. The grantee is required to maintain proper training and inventory records.
2. Documentation of training shall be made by the grantee at the time of request for any reimbursement. The roster must be attached in Egrants under Monitoring in program reports. Also at the time of request for reimbursement the authorized agent must attach a copy of all rosters pertinent to the reimbursements request.
3. At the close out of the grant a master roster of personnel training shall be included with the closeout documentation and uploaded in the final program report.
4. Sub grantee shall provide information to the WEM Homeland Security grants unit as necessary regarding federal resource typing requirements identified in FEMA Information Bulletin #388 and 388a.
5. Equipment purchased with this grant must be accompanied by appropriate vendor or manufacturer training. Personnel using the equipment must be properly trained on the use of the equipment before it is put into service.
6. Communications projects and equipment purchases must comply with Wisconsin's Statewide Interoperability Communications Plan.
7. Equipment shall be maintained and available for use as intended by the grant for the duration of its useful life. Disposal of equipment must follow all applicable state, federal, and local guidelines. The grantee must maintain records of any equipment disposal or transfer of ownership. Any proceeds from the sale of equipment at or near the end of its useful life will be considered program revenue and must be reinvested into eligible homeland security expenses.
8. Equipment purchased under this grant by WEM-REACT has the intended purpose of supporting the one team concept as a deployable equipment cache.
9. Classes offered for free via the WEM training portal (ICS/NIMS) are not eligible for reimbursement on this grant.

10. A copy of the new Collapse Rescue Initiative Funding Acknowledgement signed by the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association.

11. A copy of the team's pharmaceutical plan.

Additional Resources

Additional information about Wisconsin Emergency Management and resources to assist with Egrants is available as follows:

- Wisconsin Emergency Management website: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>
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